IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Arning et al. Group Art Unit: 2151 § Serial No.: 10/698,137 Examiner: Tiv, Backhean § § Filed: October 30, 2003 Attorney Docket No.: DE920020036US1

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For: Improved Handling of Messages in an

Electronic Messaging System

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested. and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of June 8, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.